Office of the Secretary



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20436

July 3, 2019

Ms. Emma Best MuckRock News DEPT MR 74411 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Re: USITC Freedom of Information Act Request #19-23

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter serves as the U.S. International Trade Commission's ("USITC") initial interim response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), dated and received June 5, 2019, in which you requested documents "mentioning or relating to Anonymous (the hacker movement/collective, see below) or hacktivism (defined as hacking as a form of protest and/or activism) generated between 1 January 2009 and 1 January 2019, including but not limited to:

- Internal reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to Anonymous or hacktivism
- Reports from the appropriate IT (Information Technology) or computer offices regarding possible cyber attacks by Anonymous or other hacktivists
- Reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to or mentioning Anonymous or hacktivism sent to or received from any federal law enforcement or intelligence agencies or any fusion center
- Incident reports investigating possible hacking activity falling within the office's jurisdiction and allegedly carried out by members of Anonymous or other hacktivist groups
- Materials generated as a result of any suspected or actual compromise, breach or 'dox' (revealing of personal or private information) by Anonymous or other hacktivists"

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B), unusual circumstances will prevent the USITC from processing your request within the 20-day period set forth in 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A). We are extending the 20-day time limit to respond to your request (July 3, 2019), by an additional 10 working days to July 18, 2019. Specifically, we are extending the period to respond to your FOIA

request due to the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine voluminous amounts of separate and distinct records, and the need for consultation with two or more components of the USITC that have a substantial subject-matter interest in the request.

We would like to give you the opportunity to reformulate the scope of your request, or the opportunity to arrange an alternative time frame for processing your request. If you have any questions, or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, our FOIA Public Liaison, Jacqueline N. Gross, is available to assist you at: Jackie.gross@usitc.gov or 202-205-1816.

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Sincerely.

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